

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, the Examiner objected to claim 15 and rejected claims 1-10 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for a variety of formal, linguistic reasons, primarily relating to indefiniteness and antecedence. Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brunner et al. Although the applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 15-17 as being improper, in order to move the prosecution of the present application forward to issue, applicant has canceled claims 15-17 from the present application, without prejudice as to the filing of a continuation application with claims directed to the same subject matter as claims 15-17.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 3, 8 and 14 to address the formal rejections made by the Examiner relating to language issues, rather than substantive issues. Applicant submits that the amendments to the claims are for purposes of clarifying the language of the claims, and are not made to change the scope of the claims. Claims 18 and 20 have also been amended to clarify the scope of the claims and to use proper antecedent language.

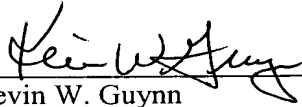
Applicant has added new claims 29 and 30 which depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 18, and therefore such claims are also allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the points raised by the Examiner under section 112 have been satisfactorily addressed, and that all of the remaining claims in the application are now in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any questions or open issues remain, applicant requests that a telephone call to applicant's attorney, listed below, be made to resolve such issues quickly.

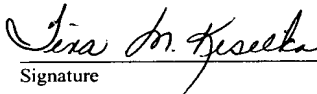
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